

In addition to current bans against underaged possession and purchase of alcohol, the new law makes it illegal for a person younger than age 21 to consume alcohol. The bill also requires anyone purchasing a keg of beer to first obtain a permit from the vendor to help trace beer purchasers.

The Governor's DWI Task Force was established by executive order in December 2003. Easley directed the task force to review current laws and come up with proposals for further reducing and deterring driving while impaired.

The text of the bill can be found at:

www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2005/Bills/House/pdf/H1048v7.pdf. More information on North Carolina's highway safety programs can be found at www.ncdot.org/programs/GHSP and www.ncshp.org.

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